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A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The experiments conducted at the Cotton Breading station show that the earlier sown crop produces more cotton and that at the same time more of the cotton bolls ripen beyond the stage when they are susceptible to attack before the insect pests became comparatively numerous, than in the case of the late sown crop. But the yield does not depend mainly on the actual time of sowing but also on the length of the interval between the date of sowing and the incidence and strength of the north-west monsoon rains. No definite results have been obtained and the experiments are being continued. They will be demonstrated to the ryots when definite results are available.

Fisheries

Training of S.S.L.C. candidates in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut.

*1482 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of S.S.L.C. candidates who have been trained in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut, since the training classes were thrown open to S.S.L.C. candidates;

(*b*) whether there are any S.S.L.C. candidates undergoing training at present;

(*c*) whether the Government have abolished the Secondary Training classes in the Fisheries Training Institute, Calicut; and

(*d*) if the answer to (*c*) is in the affirmative, whether the Government have considered the future of the S.S.L.C. candidates already admitted for training?

A.—(*a*) 9.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The S.S.L.C. holders are now placed in the classes intended for Higher Elementary students.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know why the secondary training classes have been abolished?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Because there is at present no necessity for training men in the secondary grade".

Public Works

Alleged insanitary condition of the river Cooum.

*1483 Q.—Mr. C. S. Govindaraja Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government are aware that the condition of the river Cooum in the vicinity of the Law's Bridge and Harris Bridge is very filthy and insanitary;

(*b*) whether the Government have ascertained that it is due to the stoppage of pumping sea water into it;

(*c*) when the pumping of sea water into it was stopped and why;